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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with M. Golota on 5/14/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 13 – 26 were cancelled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chester T. Barry whose telephone number is 571-272-1152. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 9 - 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on 571.272.1156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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